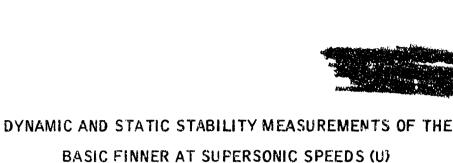
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DYNAMIC AND STATIC STABILITY MEASUREMENTS OF THE BASIC FINNER AT SUPERSONIC SPEEDS

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ABSTRACT: Dynamic stability data in the form of damping force and moment coefficients were obtained in the NOL Supersonic Tunnel No. 1. These measurements were made in the Mach number range 1.58 through 3.24. Static stability data in the form of normal force and pitching moment coefficients were determined in the Mach number range 1.58 through 3.86. Both dynamic and static stability coefficients are compared with free flight results obtained in the NOL and BRL ballistics firing ranges.

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### DYNAMIC AND STATIC STABILITY MEASUREMENTS OF THE BASIC FINNER AT SUPERSONIC SPEEDS

### INTRODUCTION

- 1. Basic Finner is the name given to a standard configuration that has been selected for use in checking various test techniques and new instrumentation. An attempt has been made to obtain all the important aerodynamic coefficients for this shape. New test techniques can thus be evaluated by comparing the results obtained using the techniques or instrumentation with previously obtained data.
- 2. Results from two separate wind-tunnel investigations are presented in this report. These investigations are, static stability measurements up to large angles of attack and dynamic stability damping measurements up to large amplitudes of oscillation. The static stability investigation was conducted to provide supplementary large angle of attack data to the existing small angle values. The damping investigation was conducted to provide large amplitude damping values and to validate the freely oscillating model method used to make these measurements.
- 3. From the static stability tests normal force and pitching moment coefficients and center of pressure locations were obtained. The dynamic stability damping tests yielded damping moment and damping force coefficients. Measurements were made at each of two center of mass locations. Normal force and pitching moment coefficients were also obtained from the damping tests. Correlative comparisons are made with corresponding Ballistics Range values. Damping moment coefficients are also compared with similar wind-tunnel values obtained employing a small amplitude damping balance. These wind-tunnel investigations were performed at supersonic speeds; the Mach number ranges were 1.58 through 3.24 for the damping tests and 1.58 through 3.86 for the static tests.

### SYMBOLS

### Free-stream parameters:

M	Mach number
٧	free-stream velocity (ft/sec)
ρ	free-stream density (slugs/ $tt^3$ )
<b>1</b>	free-stream dynamic pressure (psfa) = $1/2 \rho v^2$

### Model attitude parameters:

angular amplitude (damping tests)(gadiman or deg)

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angle of attack (static tests) (deg)
α
                  angular velocity (radians/sec)
à
                  angular acceleration (radians/sec2)
ð
                  angle of roll (deg)
Ø
                  transverse angular velocity
Q.
Model reference dimensions:
                  body diameter - 1 caliber
D
                  body cross-sectional are: \pi D^2/4 (ft<sup>2</sup>)
S
                  transverse moment of inertia (slugs ft<sup>2</sup>)
I
ŧ
                  time (sec)
                  axial station location (calibers)(x = 0 at base
X
                  of cylinder)
Aerodynamic forces, moments and coefficients:
\mathbf{F}_{\mathbf{N}}
                  normal force (lbs)
F<sub>Nq</sub>(q) +
                  total damping force (lbs)
F<sub>N&</sub>(&)
                  pitching or restoring moment (ft-lbs)
M
                  pitching or restoring moment slope (ft-lbs/rad)
M_{\alpha}(q) + M_{\alpha}(\alpha)
                  total damping moment (ft-lbs)
                  normal force coefficient - F_N/\overline{q}S
                  normal force coefficient per radian
(C_{N_{\overline{Q}}} + C_{N_{\overline{Q}}})
                  total damping force coefficient
                  pitching or restoring moment coefficient ~ M/qSD
C_{\mathbf{M}}
                  pitching or restoring moment coefficient slope
(C<sub>M</sub>+ C<sub>M</sub>)
                  total damping moment coefficient
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center of pressure (calibers from nose)

C.P.

# Subscripts or Sub-subscripts:

o initial conditions

p peak amplitude conditions

1,2,3,---n events or measurements in sequence of time or station location (positive for stations forward of base)

### DESCRIPTION OF MODELS

4. The aerodynamic configuration used in these tests is usually referred to as the Basic Finner. Basically it is a conecylinder with four rectangular fins and is ten calibers in overall length. This configuration is diagrammatically shown in Figure 1. Three different size models were employed. These model sizes were dictated by the individual requirements of each test technique. The small amplitude damping balance model diameter (D) was 1.870 inches; the large amplitude damping model diameter was 1.500 inches; the static force and moment model diameter was 1.000 inch.

# TEST TECHNIQUES

- Although damping measurements made with the small-amplitude sting mount balance have been reported in a previous publication, consistent reference is made to these results in this report. Therefore, a brief description of this balance method is included as background information for data comparisons made in discussing test results. The small amplitude damping balance consists of a stiff sting, a strain-gage flexure at the model end of the sting, and a tripping device to set the model in A sketch of the balance is shown in Figure 1A and it is described in detail in reference (a). The balance method yields damping moment data in the pitch plane for oscillatory motions of approximately plus and minus two degrees about the trim attitude, which is  $\alpha = 0^{\circ}$  for these tests. This balance can measure the damping moment of statically unstable as well as statically stable configurations. The small amplitude damping balance method is a free decay technique in that no additional energy is fed into the system after the initial angular displacement has been accomplished and the model is released.
- 6. The freely oscillating model method yields damping data for oscillatory motions of up to plus and minus ninety degrees amplitude and like the small amplitude damping method is a free decay technique. Only statically stable models can be tested with this method. The free oscillation method consists of allowing a model to seek its trim attitude after it has been displaced from the trim attitude. Suspension of the model is mechanically accomplished by passing a shaft through the center of gravity of the model. This shaft is fastened to the model

structure by means of two very low friction instrument-type bearings which are contained within the model. Thus, the model is constrained to execute angular motion, about its rigidly held center of gravity, in one plane only. A photograph of this setup is shown in Figure 1B. After the model has been displaced from its trim attitude and released, the motion of the model as it seeks its trim attitude is photographically recorded with a high-speed motion picture camera. A plot of the instantaneous angular attitude as a function of time is thus obtained and the resultant curve takes the form of damped periodic motion. This method yields a record of the motion of the model over large angular amplitudes. The equation of angular motion in one degree of freedom can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{I}\ddot{\alpha} + \mu \dot{\alpha} + \mathbf{M}_{\alpha} \alpha = 0 \tag{1}$$

where:

I - moment of inertia

μ - damping constant

 $M_a$  restoring or pitching moment slope

The damping moment coefficient is computed by the following equation in which  $(\alpha)$  has been replaced by the peak angular amplitude  $(\alpha_p)$  of any half cycle.

$$C_{M_q} + C_{M_{\alpha}} = \frac{16}{\pi} \left( \frac{2I}{\rho VD^4} \right) \left[ \frac{\ln (^{\alpha}p/^{\alpha}p_0)}{t_p - t_p_0} \right]$$
 (2)

where subscripts: p<sub>o</sub> denotes initial peak amplitude conditions p denotes peak amplitude conditions at some later time.

The restoring or pitching moment coefficient slope can be computed by the following equation:

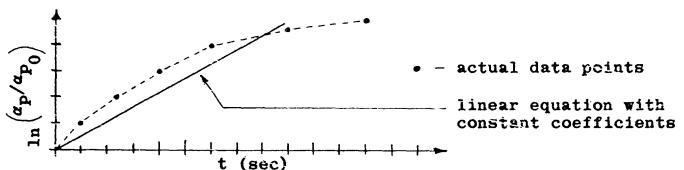
$$C_{M_{\alpha}} = -\frac{2I}{\rho V^2 SD} \left\{ (\alpha)^2 + \left[ \frac{\ln (\alpha_p/\alpha_p_o)}{t_p - t_p_o} \right]^2 \right\}$$
 (3)

where: (a) = circular frequency in radians per second.

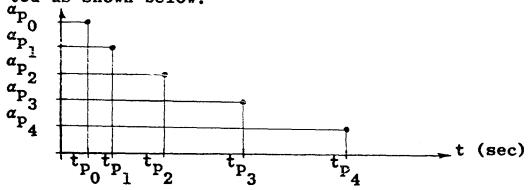
The term  $\left[\frac{\ln (p^{\alpha}p^{\alpha}p_{0})}{t_{p}-t_{p_{0}}}\right]^{2}$  is small in magnitude compared with

 $\omega^2$ ; usually in the order of 0.01  $\omega^2$  and can be neglected.

7. The relationships expressed in equation (2) are valid only if the assumption of constancy of the coefficients in equation (1) is reasonably true. When the amplitude of the oscillatory motion becomes large, greater than plus and minus eight degrees, the assumption of constant coefficients in equation (1) is usually no longer reasonable. Applying the linear solution over the entire range of angular amplitudes no longer yields a univalue for the damping but yields results such as are shown below.



This precludes the use of the linear equation with constant coefficients to describe the motion over the entire range of amplitudes. This also indicated that the damping moment varied with angular attitude to the flow. Until more exact measurements of &, &, and & can be made and substituted into a non-linear form of equation (1), approximate damping moment values for the larger angular amplitudes can be obtained by applying equation (2) in the following manner. The peak amplitudes and their respective times are tabulated or plotted as shown below.



The damping moment coefficient is computed for discrete intervals of angular amplitudes: for example:

for the interval 
$$\alpha_{p_0} \rightarrow \alpha_{p_1}$$
 or, average  $\alpha_p = \frac{\alpha_{p_0} + \alpha_{p_1}}{2}$ 

$$(C_{M_q} + C_{M_{\alpha}})_1 = \frac{16}{\pi} (\frac{21}{\rho VD^4}) \left[ \frac{\ln (\frac{\alpha_{p_1}/\alpha_{p_0}}{t_{p_1} - t_{p_0}})}{t_{p_1} - t_{p_0}} \right]$$

for the interval 
$$\alpha_{p_1} + \alpha_{p_2}$$
 or, average  $\alpha_p = \frac{\alpha_{p_1} + \alpha_{p_2}}{2}$ 

$$(C_{M_Q} + C_{M_{\tilde{\alpha}/2}}) = \frac{16}{\nu} \left(\frac{21}{\rho VD^4}\right) \left[\frac{\ln \left(\frac{\alpha_{p_2} / \alpha_{p_1}}{p_1}\right)}{t_{p_2} - t_{p_1}}\right]$$

Utilizing equation (2) in this fashion yields average damping moment coefficients which are a function of the average peak angular amplitudes.

# DESCRIPTION OF THE FACILITY AND DISCUSSION OF TEST RESULTS

- 8. Aeroballistic Supersonic Tunnel No. 1 was used for all of the wind-tunnel tests reported herein. This tunnel operates as a blow-down facility and uses fixed block steel nozzles. Physical dimensions and operational specifications are given in detail in reference (b).
- 9. Static stability data in the form of normal force coefficients, pitching moment coefficients and centers of pressure are presented in Figures 2 through 15. These data were obtained using a standard internal strain-gage balance. This type of balance and the data reduction equations are described in detail in reference (c).
- 10. The dynamic or damping moment data are presented in Figures 16 through 22. In these figures the damping coefficients ( ${}^{\rm C}_{\rm M}$  +  ${}^{\rm C}_{\rm M}$ ) are plotted against peak angular amplitude q
- $(a_p)$  for each Mach number. These data were obtained for a model roll attitude of  $\emptyset = 45^{\circ}$  and for two center of gravity positions.
- 11. In order to make comparisons of these damping moment coefficients with those obtained from ballistics ranges only the small amplitude values could be used since the ballistics range results reproduced herein, reference (d), were obtained for small yaws only.
- 12. Comparisons of the damping moment coefficients with ballistics range results are presented in Figures 23 through 25. The damping moment coefficients  $(C_{M} + C_{M})$  are plotted q

against Mach number in Figure 23 with center of gravity as parameter. Free-flight range results from reference (d) are also presented for comparison with the wind-tunnel data ob-

tained with the two measuring techniques. Damping moment coefficients obtained with the free-oscillation technique were arbitrarily selected for peak angular amplitudes of approximately 7.5 degrees. For the aerodynamic shape tested the damping is essentially constant with amplitude for oscillations from zero to eight degrees. Comparisons made with similar data obtained using the sting-mounted balance, for oscillatory amplitudes in the order of plus and minus two degrees, tend to confirm this assumption of constancy for this range of angular amplitudes.

- 13. Damping moment coefficients as a function of center of gravity position at Mach number 2.1 are presented in Figure 24. This type of plot better expresses the degree of agreement between coefficients obtained in the wind-tunnel test and the ballistics range. These wind-tunnel test data are compared with results obtained in the BRL and NOL range facilities. Mach number 2.1 was selected since it is in a region where most of the data exist. Comparisons at other Mach numbers show approximately the same results.
- 14. Damping force coefficients  $(C_{N_q} + C_{N_{\alpha}})$  calculated at the

centroid of projected area, 6.39 calibers from the nose, are presented as a function of Mach number in Figure 25. These values were calculated using center of mass transformation equations. Considerable disagreement exists between these values and the results presented in reference (d). Deduction of the damping force coefficient  $(C_{N_q} + C_{N_q})$  from the swerving motion of

a projectile in free-flight is relatively difficult in that its contribution to the total swerving motion is small when compared with the static normal force  $(C_{N_{\alpha}})$  contribution. In most

ballistics range experiments, the total swerving motion is held to a minimum to prevent drift of the projectile which could pull it out of the range of vision of the downrange photographic stations. At best, this direct method of determining damping force from the swerving motion resolves into a problem of measuring a small part of a small quantity. An alternate method of determining  $(C_{N_{\alpha}} + C_{N_{\alpha}})$  utilizes the center of mass trans-

formation relationships (see Appendix A). This involves a term containing the difference of two damping moments measured at two axial locations as well as the static components of the force and moment system. Since the term containing the difference between two damping moments is the major contributor, uncertainties of the order of ten to fifteen percent in determination of each damping moment value can lead to large errors in the determination of the damping force. Wind-tunnel uncertainty in the measurement of damping moments is of the order of plus or minus five percent for the type of shape used in these tests.

15. Pitching moment coefficients obtained from the free oscillation wind-tunnel test are compared with ballistics range results and with values obtained from a wind-tunnel static test; these comparisons are presented in Figures 26 through 28. Pitching moment coefficient slopes ( $C_{\rm M}$ ) presented in these

comparisons were obtained for small angular amplitudes, of the order of plus and minus six degrees. These data are plotted against Mach number in Figure 25 with center of gravity position as the parameter. Figures 27 and 28 contain  $C_{\underline{M}}$  plotted against  $\alpha$ 

center of gravity position at Mach numbers 1.8 and 2.1 respectively. Wind-tunnel dynamic and static stability coefficients presented for Mach numbers 1.8 and 2.1 were obtained by crossplots of the particular coefficient with Mach number.

16. Normal force coefficient slopes  $(C_{N_{\alpha}})$  are plotted against

Mach number in Figure 29. The free oscillation wind-tunnel data are compared with ballistics range results and static wind-tunnel values.

- 17. Center of pressure location is plotted against Mach number in Figure 30. Maximum spread of the data are of the order of three percent of total length.
- 18. Wind-tunnel free-stream parameters are presented in Appendix B. Reynolds numbers were computed using model axial length as the reference dimension.

### CONCLUSIONS

- 19. From the various comparisons made of similar data obtained from two or more different sources employing dissimilar test techniques, close agreement of the various test results is in evidence with but one exception.
- 20. Damping moment coefficients obtained employing the freely oscillating model method are in agreement with small amplitude results obtained from the sting-mount balance wind-tunnel tests and ballistics range free-flight measurements. Lack of agreement with ballistics range values for the damping force coefficients cannot be explained as yet.
- 21. Static stability coefficients, obtained as a by-product of the free oscillation damping tests, are in reasonable agreement with static test wind-tunnel values and ballistics range freeflight measurements.

22. The freely oscillating model damping test technique is a valuable wind-tunnel research tool in that it is capable of measuring damping moments at large amplitudes of oscillatory motion. Close agreement of small amplitude values with other proven techniques strongly supports the validity of the large amplitude values. Refinements to the mechanics of this test technique are being developed at the present time. The highly non-linear character of the damping moment coefficient at large amplitudes of oscillation indicates the need for development of a more sophisticated equation of motion.

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### APPENDIX A

### Center of Mass Transformation

Aerodynamic moment coefficients measured at two different axial locations can be related by moment transfer formulae (references (d), (e), (f), and (g)), according to the following relationships:

$$(C_{N_{\alpha}}) = (C_{N_{\alpha}})$$

$$(1)$$

$$(C_{N_q} + C_{N_{\alpha}})_2 - (C_{N_q} + C_{N_{\alpha}})_1 + 2(X_2 - X_1) C_{N_{\alpha}}$$
 (3)

$$(C_{M_q} + C_{M_{\alpha}})_2 = (C_{M_q} + C_{M_{\alpha}})_1 - 2(X_2 - X_1)^2 C_{N_{\alpha}}$$

$$+ (X_2 - X_1) \left[ (C_{N_q} + C_{N_{\alpha}}) + 2 (C_{M_{\alpha}}) \right]$$
 (4)

$$\frac{(c_{N_q} + c_{N_{\tilde{\alpha}}}) + 2(c_{M_{\tilde{\alpha}}}) - (c_{M_q} + c_{M_{\tilde{\alpha}}}) - (c_{M_q} + c_{M_{\tilde{\alpha}}})}{(X_2 - X_1)}$$

$$+ 2 \left[ (C_{M_{\alpha}}) - (C_{M_{\alpha}}) \right]$$

$$(C_{N_{\mathbf{q}}} + C_{N_{\alpha}}) = (C_{M_{\mathbf{q}}} + C_{M_{\alpha}}) - (C_{M_{\mathbf{q}}} + C_{M_{\alpha}}) + 2 \left[ (C_{M_{\alpha}}) - 2(C_{M_{\alpha}}) \right]$$

$$(5a)$$

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$$(C_{N_{\mathbf{q}}} + C_{N_{\mathbf{d}}}) = \frac{(C_{M_{\mathbf{q}}} + C_{M_{\mathbf{d}}}) - (C_{M_{\mathbf{q}}} + C_{M_{\mathbf{d}}}) + 4\left[(C_{M_{\mathbf{d}}}) - \frac{3}{2}(C_{M_{\mathbf{d}}})\right]}{(X_{2} - X_{1})}$$
(5b)

APPENDIX B

### Free-Stream Conditions

# Static Tests:

M	$\overline{q}$	Reynolds No. x 10 <sup>-6</sup> (A)
1.58	6.03	3.79
1.76	5.75	3.54
2.17	4.68	3.00
2.48	3.78	2.65
2.88	2.76	2.21
3.22	2.08	1.90

# Dynamic Tests:

M	$\overline{\mathbf{q}}$	$ ho \mathbf{V}$	Reynolds No. x $10^{-6}$ (B)
1.58	6.19	1.236	5,69
1.76	5.83	1,089	5.31
1,89	5.52	0.987	5,09
2.16	4.74	0.787	4.50
2.48	3,79	0.589	3.98
2.88	2,75	0.403	3.31
3.24	2.04	0.286	2,80

- (A) Based on 10,00 inches overall length
- (B) Based on 15.00 inches overall length

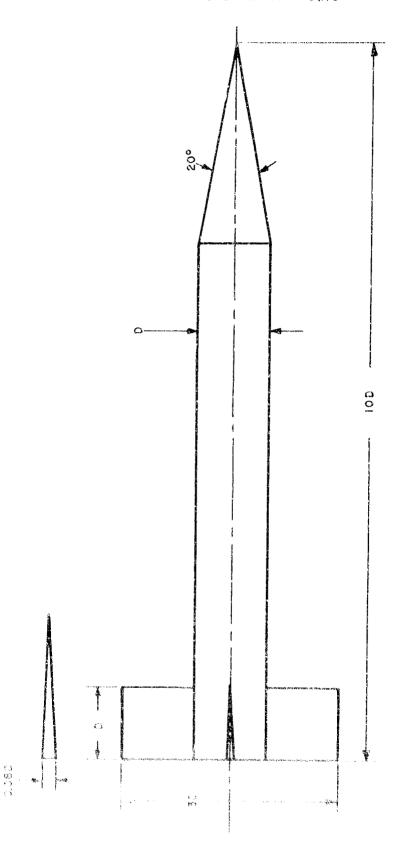


FIG. I BASIC FINNER

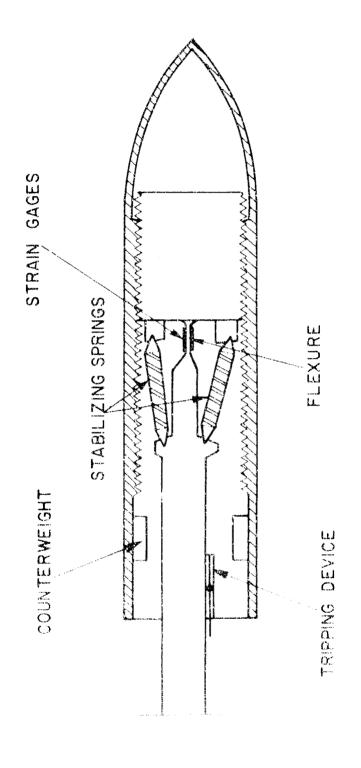
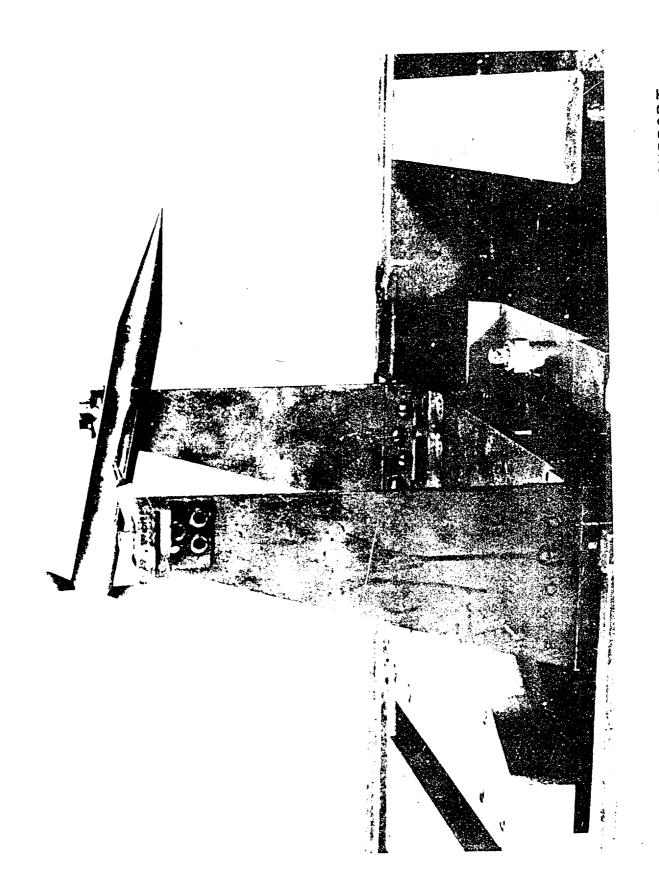
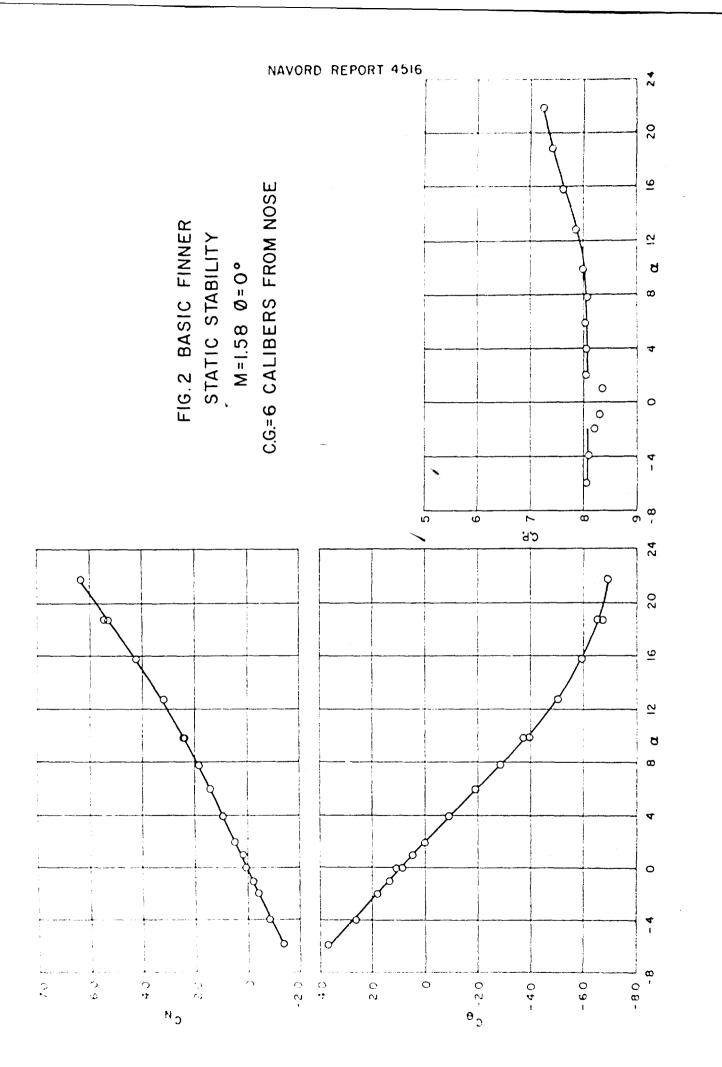
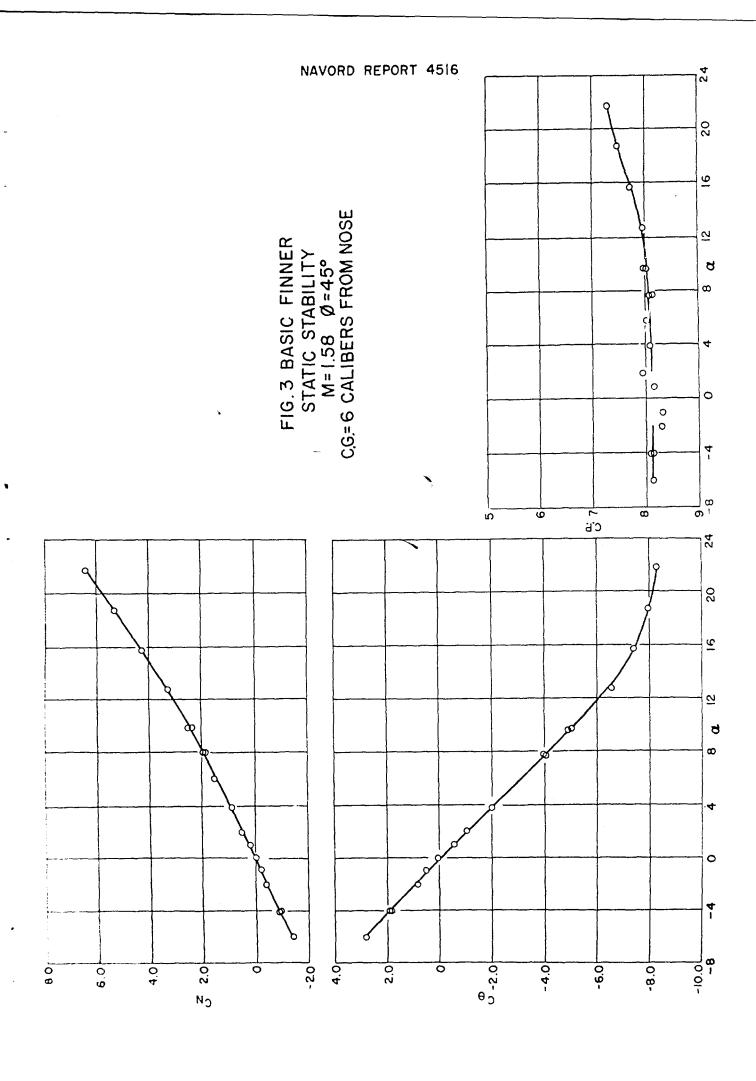
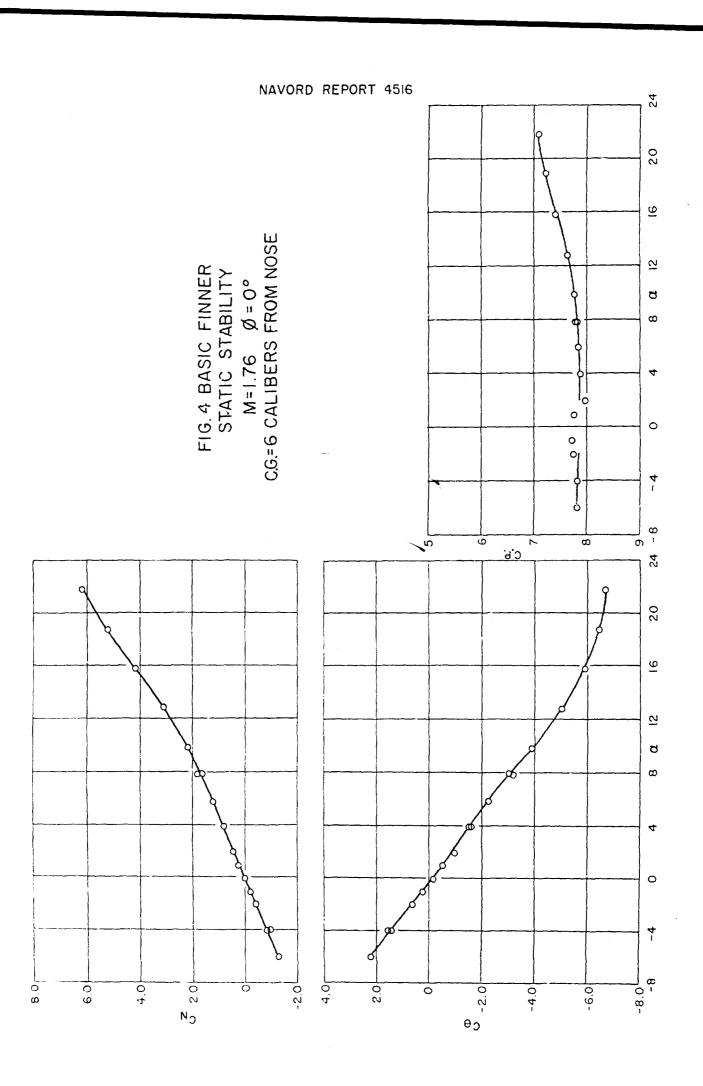


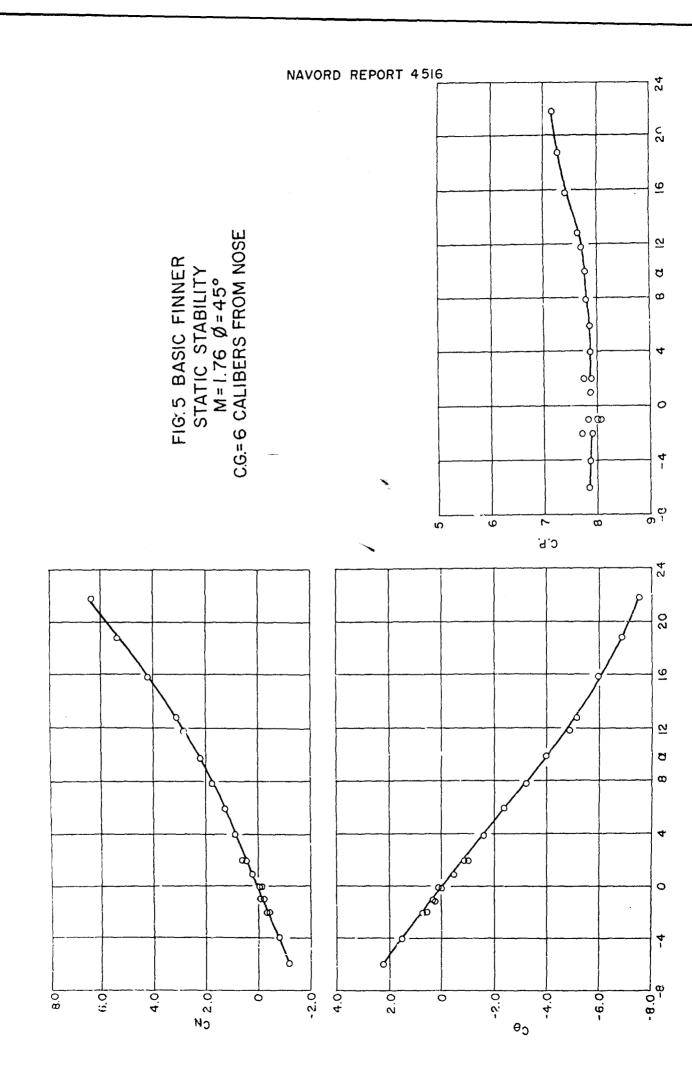
FIG. 1A SCHEMATIC OF THE SMALL - AMPLITUDE DAMPING BALANCE











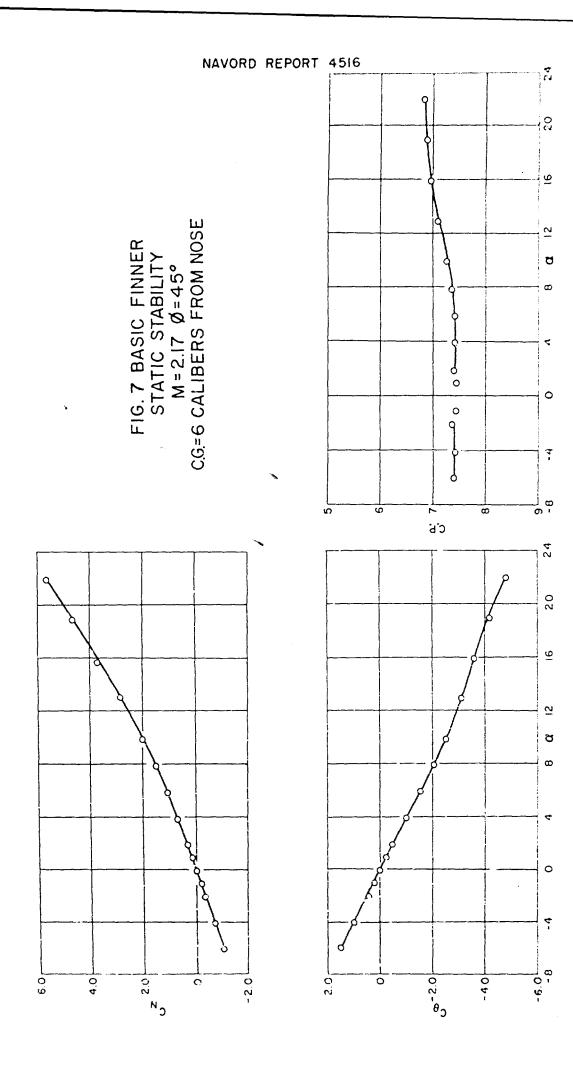


FIG.8 BASIC FINNER
STATIC STABILITY
, M=2.48 Ø=0°
CG=6 CALIBERS FROM NOSE

-2.04

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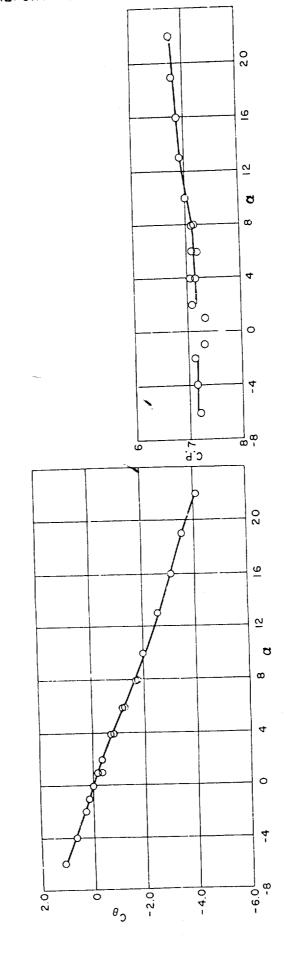
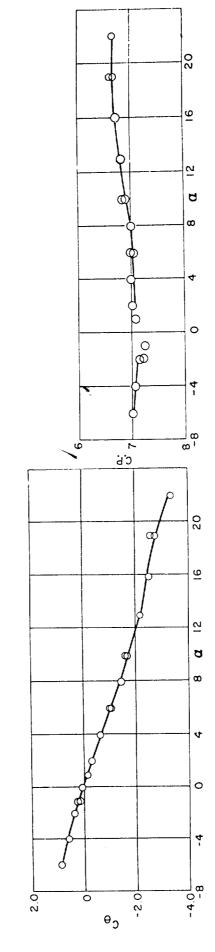
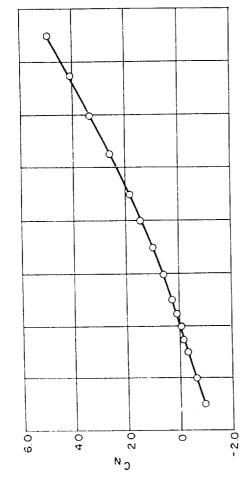
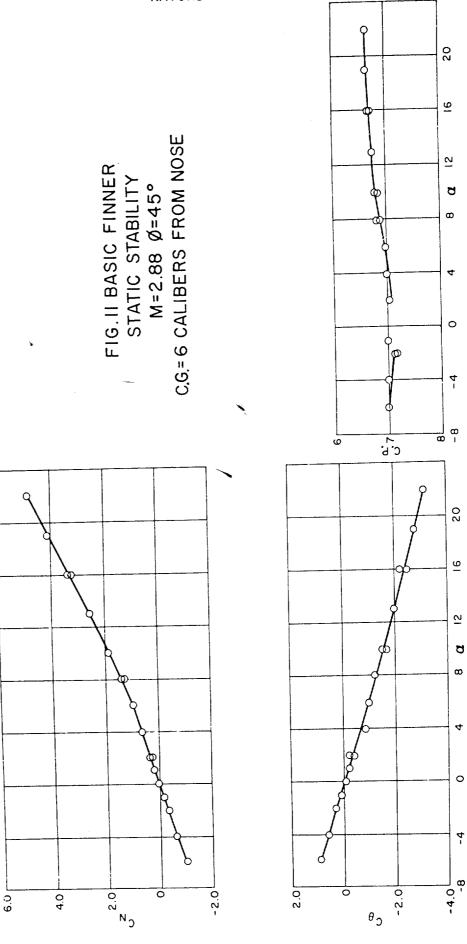
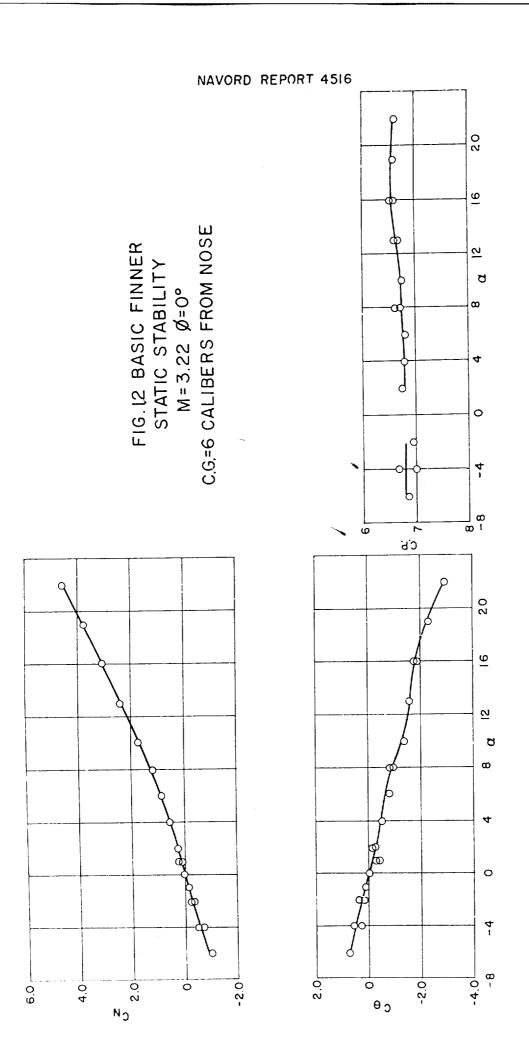


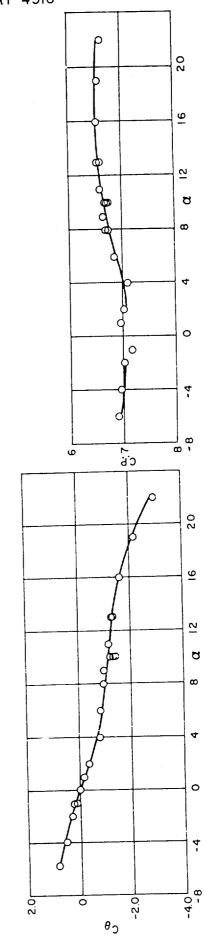
FIG. 10 BASIC FINNER
STATIC STABILITY
M=2.88 Ø=0°
CG=6 CALIBERS FROM NOSE

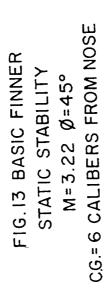


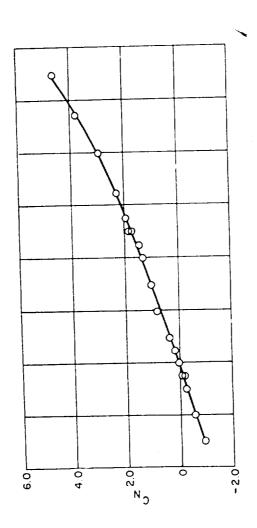


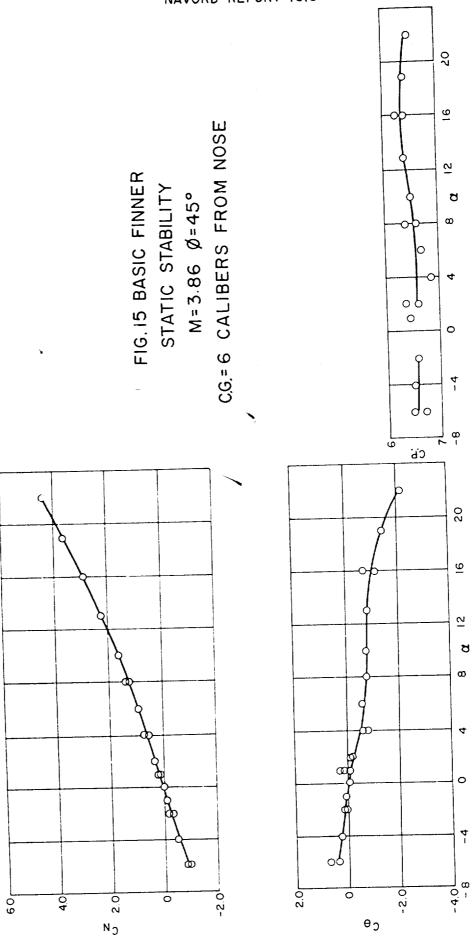












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- O C.G. 5 CAL, FROM NOSF
- C.G. 6 CAL. FROM NOSE

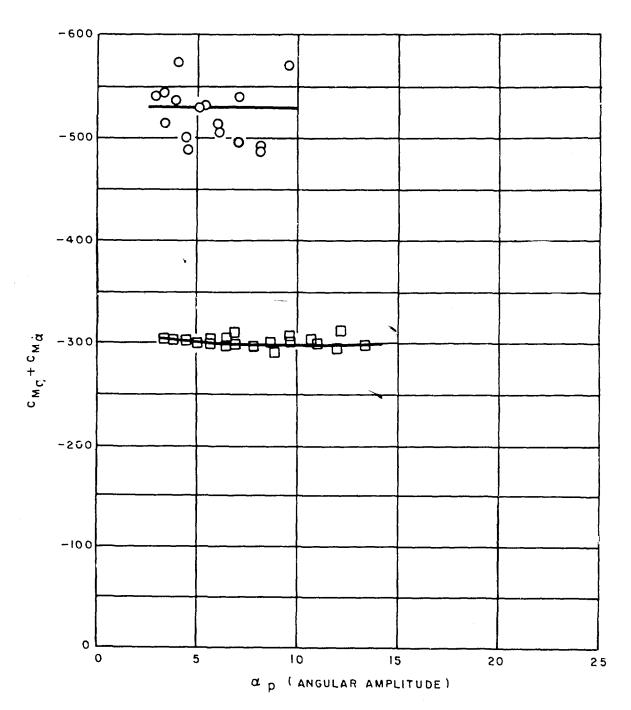


FIG. 16 BASIC FINNER

CMq + CMQ VS ANGULAR AMPLITUDE

MACH NO.=1.58

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- C.G. 6 CAL.FPOM NOSE

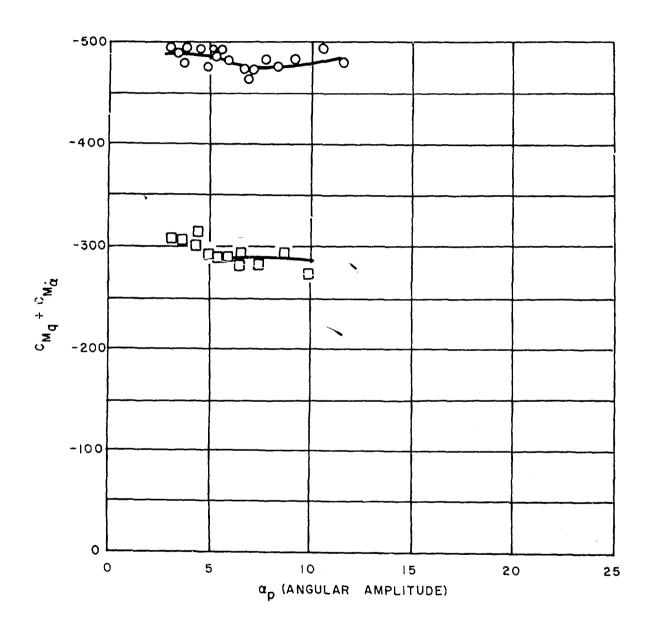


FIG.17 BASIC FINNER

CMq + CM VS ANGULAR AMPLITUDE

MACH NO.=1.76

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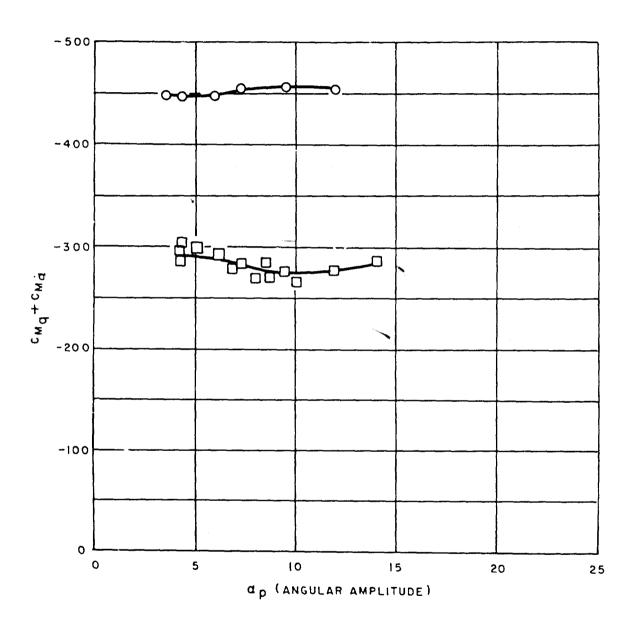


FIG.18 BASIC FINNER

CMq + CM  $\dot{\alpha}$  VS ANGULAR AMPLITUDE

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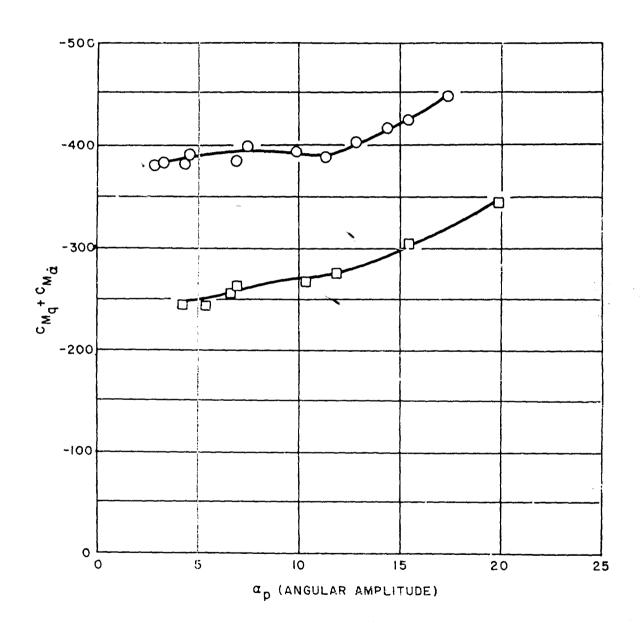


FIG.19 BASIC FINNER

CMq +CM & VS ANGULAR AMPLITUDE

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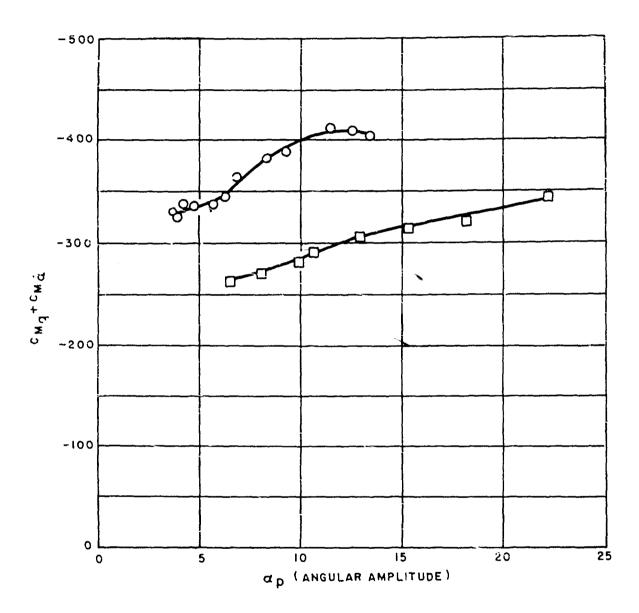


FIG. 20 BASIC FINNER

CMq +CM\(\alpha\) VS ANGULAR AMPLITUDE

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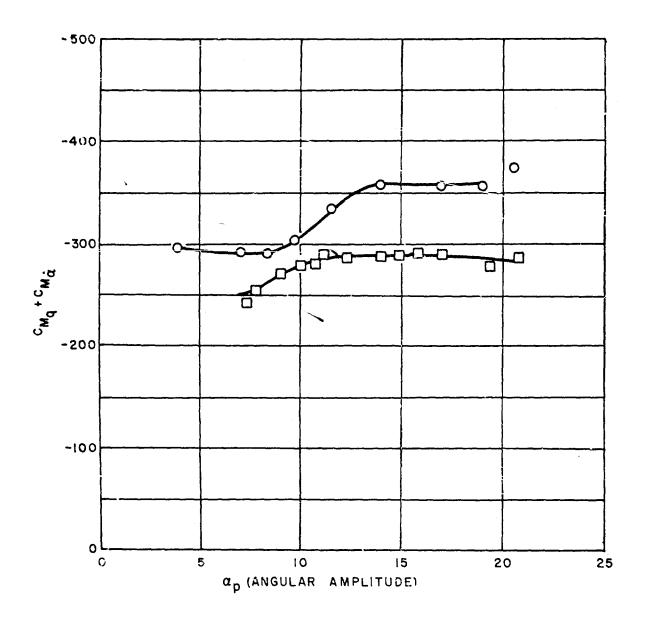


FIG. 21 BASIC FINNER

CMq+CMQ VS ANGULAR AMPLITUDE

MACH NO.= 2.88

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- C.G. 6 CAL. FROM NOSE

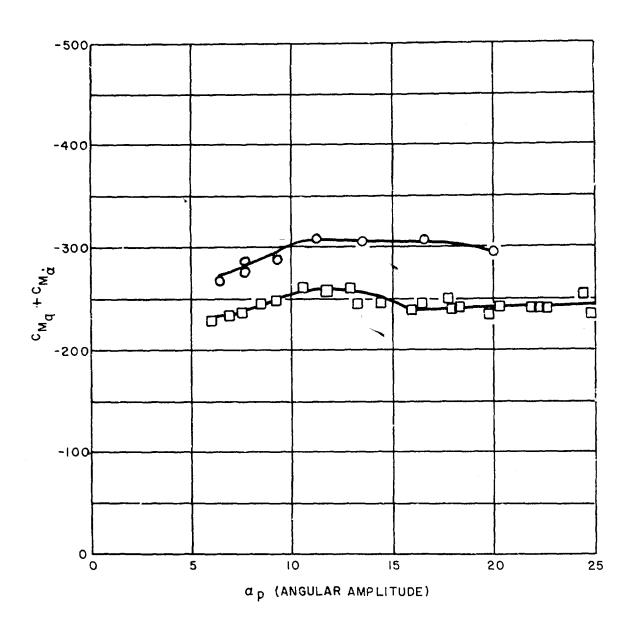


FIG.22 BASIC FINNER

CMq + CM\(\hat{\alpha}\) VS ANGULAR AMPLITUDE

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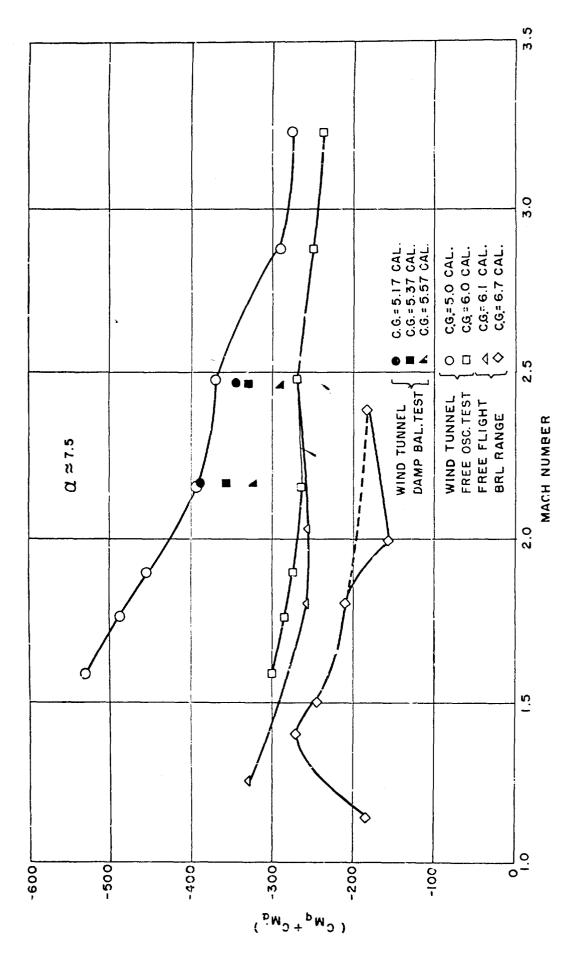
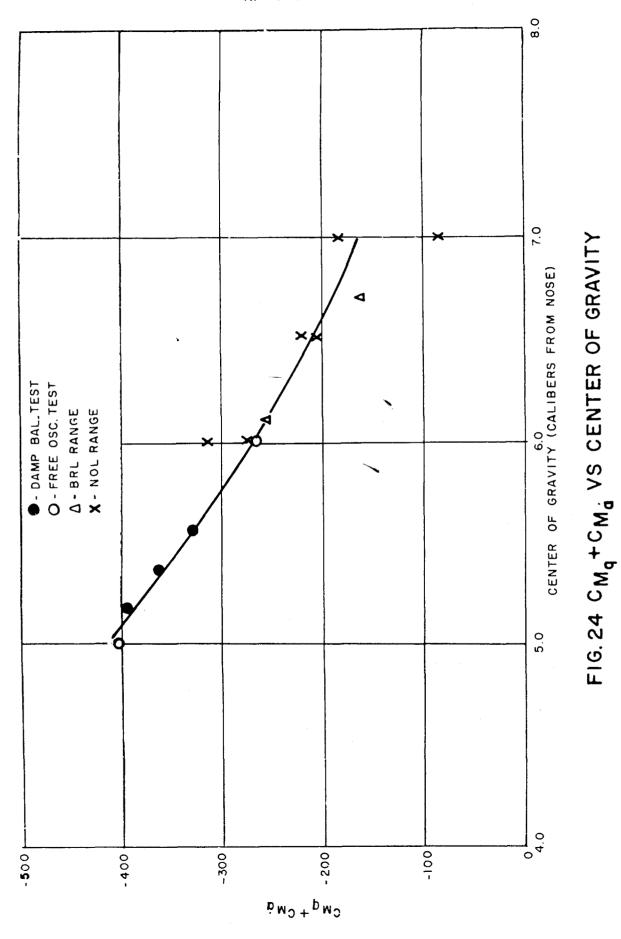
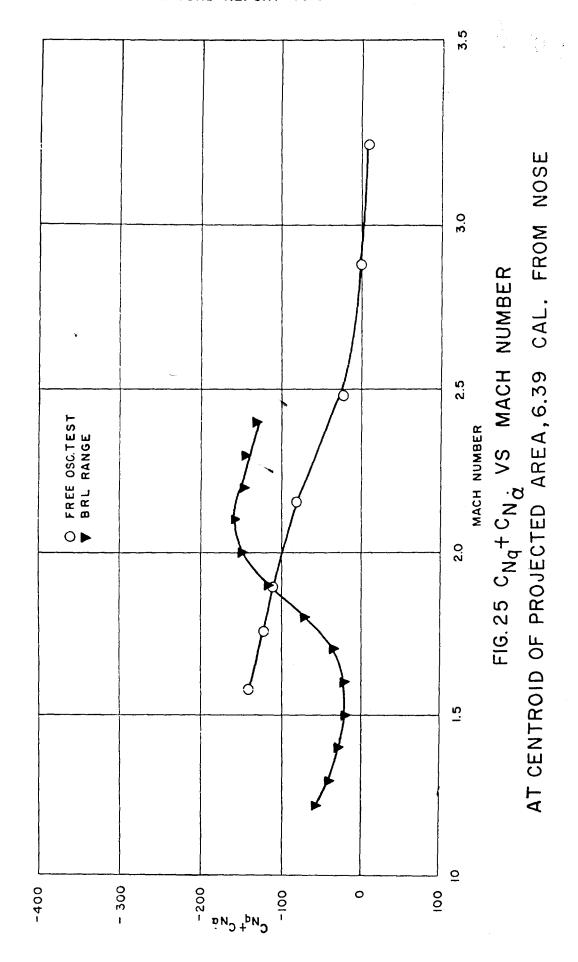
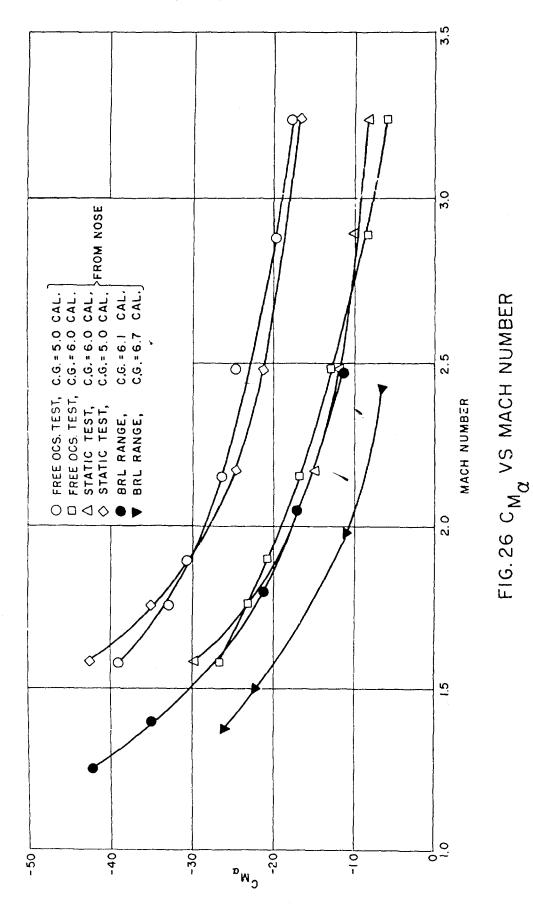


FIG. 23 CMq + CMa VS MACH NUMBER



M ≥ 2.1





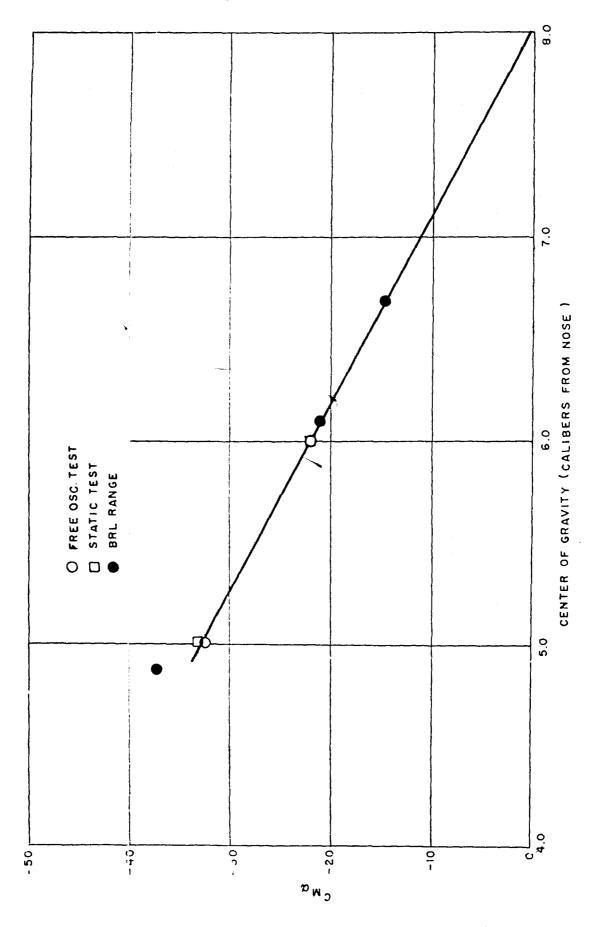


FIG. 27 CM VS CENTER OF GRAVITY, M=1.8

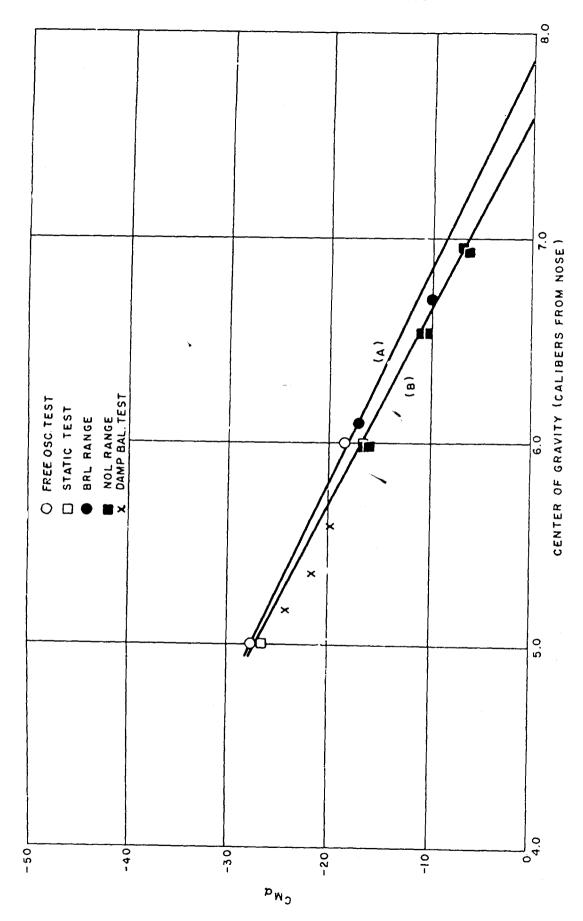


FIG. 28 CM VS CENTER OF GRAVITY, M ≈ 2.1

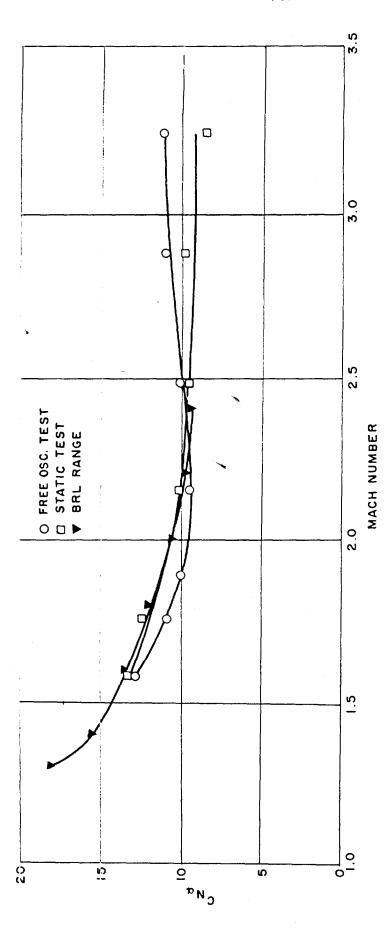


FIG.29 C<sub>NQ</sub> VS MACH NUMBER

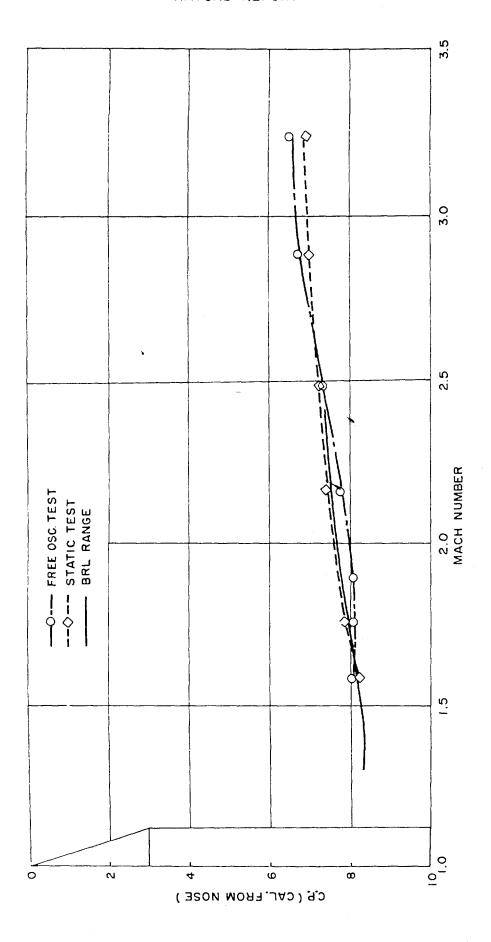


FIG. 30 CENTER OF PRESSURE VS MACH NUMBER

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